

Phantom Alley

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To John A. Hanrahan - with the warm regards of his R.I.D. staff in Victoria.
Don Mac Donald



The only safe way into this refugee center outside of Hue was by helicopter.
In settings such as this, Vietnamese farm the surrounding land by day and
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Visiting one of the refugee schools near Cam Ranh, Dr. Hannah and Director MacDonald (center) were warmly greeted. The Administrator responded by showing an intense interest in what is being done to assist refugees in Vietnam. 1-5 May 69



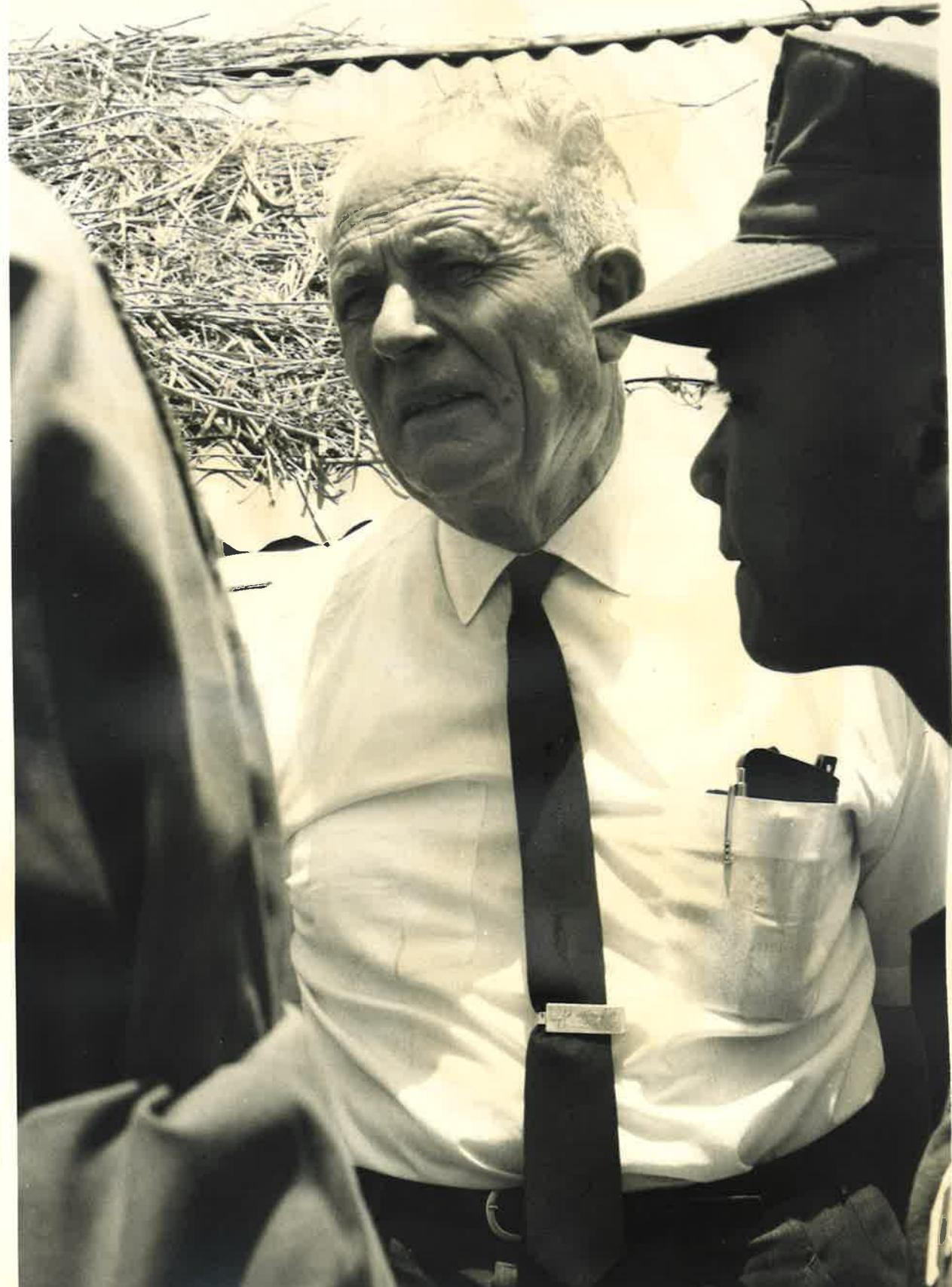
Deputy for CORDS in II CTZ, James Megellas and Dr. Hannah were given
a singing welcome by children from a refugee camp. 1-5 May 69



Dr. Hannah learns about the problems of a Vietnamese refugee farmer
with the help of the Cam Ranh Province Chief, LTC. Vu The Quang.
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Dr. Hannah receives a briefing on the run from Alex Firfer on some of the problems concerning the remaining damage from the communist Tet offensive. 1-5 May 69



Talking with both American and Vietnamese military men in the field,
Dr. Hannah strove to get a measure of the problems of development in a
war environment.
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This is one of the better landing fields used during Dr. Hannah's visit -- more often than not the chopper was landed in rice paddies or on dusty roads in order to reach the areas where many of the USAID programs are implemented in Vietnam. (L. to R.) Dr. Hannah, Director MacDonald, Ba Xuyen Province Senior Advisor William L. Simmons, and Deputy for CORDS IV CTZ John Vann. 1-5 May 69



(L. to R.) Alex Firfer Deputy for CORDS I-CTZ, Dr. Hannah and Director MacDonal discuss the problem of security in outlying areas with a Vietnamese patrol -- these patrols insure that the process of development can go on even while the war is being fought. 1-5 May 69



One of the many disturbing elements of the war in Vietnam is the demands made on hospital facilities by civilian casualties. 1-5 May 69



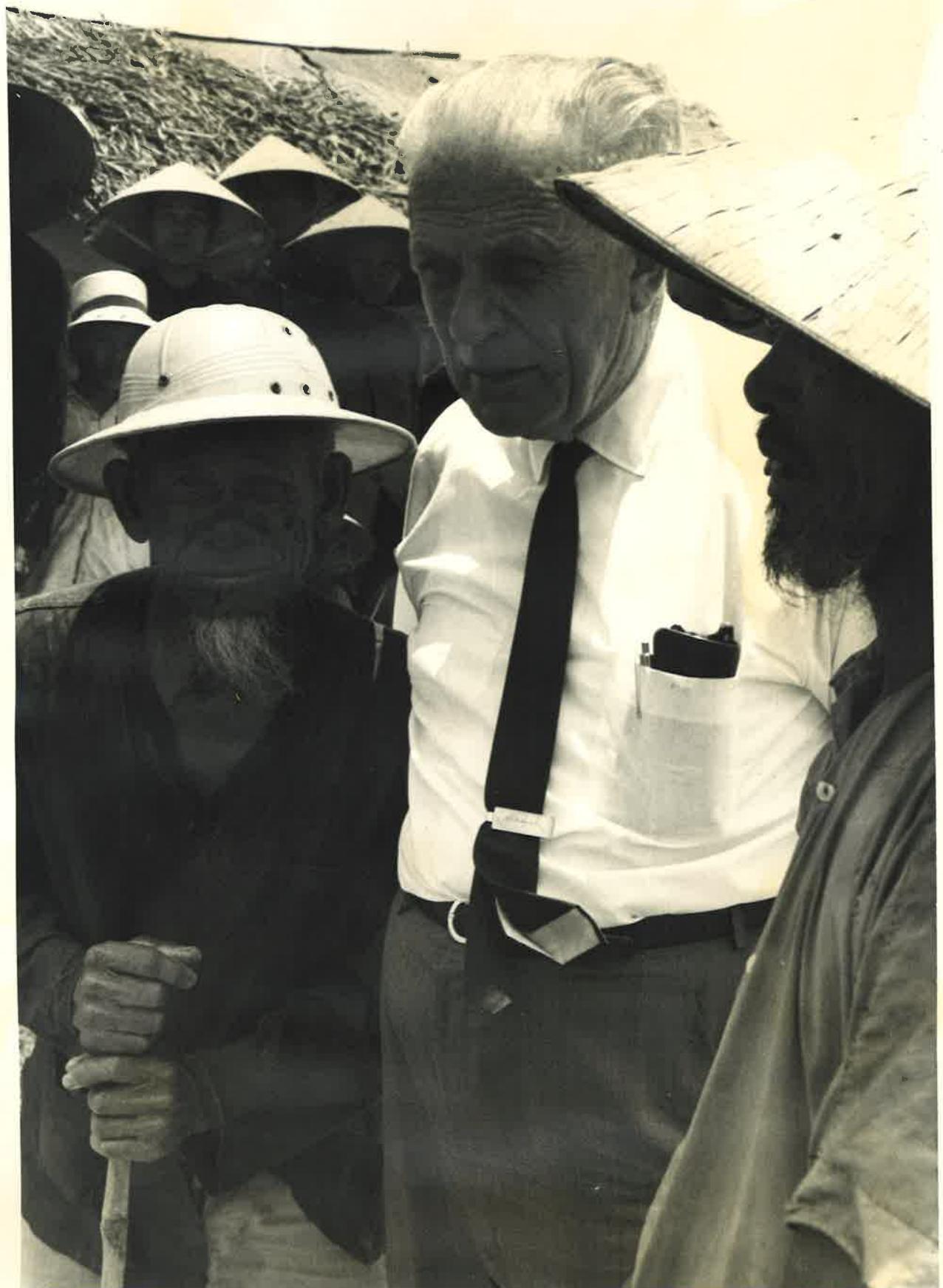
Helicopter noise did not stop the time from being used for briefings -- a separate channel on the chopper's intercom system was used by the Administrator's official party. 1-5 May 69 .



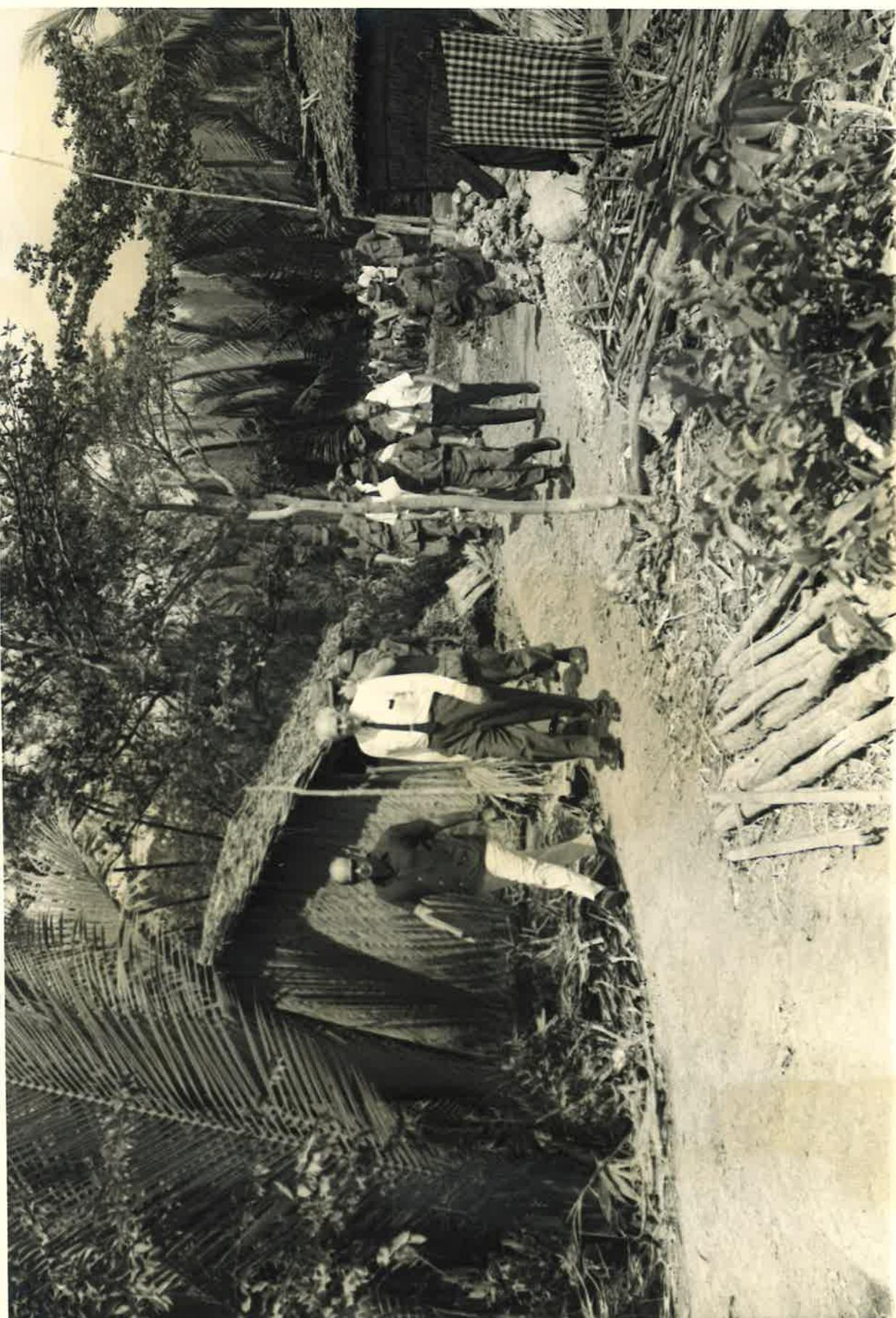
Hospital facilities are so overtaxed that even seriously injured patients must share existing facilities with other patients at a hospital in Can Tho.
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Inspecting self-help projects in the Mekong Delta with Director MacDonald, Dr. Hannah was impressed by this foot bridge financed in part by USAID, the Government of Vietnam, and several villages in the area that contributed manpower and money toward its completion. 1-5 May 69





A conversation starting with one Vietnamese would soon attract another, and
then another, until a whole crowd of people were giving their views to the
A.I.D. Administrator. 1-5 May 69



The discomfort of high temperatures and long walks did not stop the AID Administrator from inspecting projects even in the most remote villages and hamlets. 1-5 May 69



At the private farm of Mr. An just outside of the village of My Thoi in the Mekong Delta, Dr. Hannah sees how a USAID agricultural training program has upgraded domestic animals in Vietnam. 1-5 May 69



Trekking into the muddy rice paddies, Dr. Hannah learns from a Vietnamese Province Chief and a farmer near Long Xuyen why IR-8 rice has been enthusiastically received -- first crops produced yields averaging 250 percent more than the traditional rice varieties and prompted farmers to plant some 200,000 hectares of miracle rice this year. 1-5 May 69



Some of the flying time was used for reflection. 1-5 May 69



Concerned with the development of educational facilities, Dr. Hannah receives a field briefing on the progress of construction at Can Tho University.
(L. to R.) Director MacDonald, Dr. Hannah, Mr. Vann, and University
Rector Pham-Hoang-Ho, 1-5 May 69

